Orphanages

Annual expenditure of the I.D.T. Islam Orphanage at Calicut.

* 386 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government receive the accounts relating to the annual expenditure of I.D.T. Islam Orphanage at Calicut;

(b) if so, what is the cost of boarding and lodging per orphan in that institution; and

(c) what is the rate of Government grant per orphan?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The Government have not laid down any rates of boarding grants to Indian orphanages. The usual procedure is to distribute the budget provision available each year *pro rata* among the eligible children, subject to a maximum of half the net cost to the management. The grants paid in 1926–27 worked out to Rs. 8–9–2 per head for a year.

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib:—"With regard to the answer to (a), may I know whether any other orphanages to which Government give aid submit their accounts of expenditure?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I want notice."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 387 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has any intention of introducing a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act;

(b) if so, when and on what lines; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 87. The more important amendments in view are indicated below:—

(1) Application of the Act to all temples irrespective of income.

(2) Separation of the judicial and administrative functions of the Board and the constitution of two boards, viz., an Administrative Board of three and a Judicial Board of two Commissioners.

(3) Placing of excepted temples on a par with non-excepted temples.

(4) Levy of contribution due to the committee at two per cent of the income of temples instead of at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as at present and exemption of temples with an income of less than Rs. 500 from payment of contribution.

(5) Provision for removal or suspension of members of temple committees for corruption or misconduct.

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know if it is in contemplation to see that the cost of working the Act is debited to Provincial revenues either in whole or in part?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That matter is under the consideration of Government."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know with regard to one part of clause (b), when the Government propose to bring in the Bill?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Bill is now being examined by the Law Department, and as soon as that examination is over, I hope to place it before the very committee which considered the Bill when my hon. Friend, Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, was in charge, and when that course is done and when the Bill is finally drafted and ready, I hope to introduce it in the Council."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" May I know from the hon. Minister in charge of Religious Endowments how long it will take to bring in the amending Bill?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot exactly say what time it will take"

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" Roughly?"

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if the removal of the Kanyakaparameswari temples from the operation of the Act will be one of the questions that will be considered in this amending Bill?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think so, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Why not, Sir?"

Excise

Location of arrack shops in certain villages in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 388 Q.—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule that toddy or arrack shops should not be located within a distance of four to five miles from one another;

(b) whether it is a fact that toddy shops in the villages of Perathur, Z. 77, Tirukanancheri, V. N. 114, Valliyur, V. N. 109, Meyur, V. N. 113, Kathervedu, V. N. 105, Vengal, Z. 107, in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, are located within a distance of one or two miles from each other;

(c) whether it is a fact that arrack shops in the villages of Valliyur, Garaganpundi, Kilanur and Meyur, in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, are located within a distance of about a mile or so from each other;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a toddy shop in the village of Thirukananjeri (114), consisting of 41 houses with a total population of only 292 persons;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is an arrack shop in the village of Garaganpundi (112) in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, consisting of 22 houses with a total population of only 106 persons; and

(f) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, why the rule has been disregarded in the instances mentioned above?